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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, MX

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FISH CATCH AT SEA

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT PROBLEM HAS ARISEN REGARDING  
TRANSFER OF SHRIMP CATCH BY U.S. VESSELS FISHING UNDER TERMS  
OF US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT. IT HAS BEEN LONGSTANDING  
PRACTICE OF SMALLER U.S. SHRIMP VESSELS WHICH USE ICE TO  
REFRIGERATE CATCH TO TRANSFER CATCHES TO OTHER VESSELS AT  
SEA, WHICH ARE RETURNING TO PORT TO UNLOAD. THIS  
IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR VESSELS FISHING GREATER DISTANCES  
FROM PORT OF UNLOADING, SUCH AS THOSE SHRIMP BOATS  
OPERATING OFF MEXICO.

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2. FAILURE TO BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE  
WOULD MEAN THAT VESSELS WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO PORT AFTER  
SHORT PERIOD OF FISHING IN ORDER TO UNLOAD CATCH, AND THEN  
RETURN AGAIN TO FISHING GROUNDS. SIGNIFICANT FUEL COSTS  
AND LOST FISHING TIME WOULD OCCUR UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
AND VALUE OF MEXICAN FISHING LICENSE WOULD BE GREATLY

REDUCED; FOR SOME U.S. VESSELS FISHERY OFF MEXICO COULD EFFECTIVELY BE TERMINATED. ACCORDINGLY, GOM INSISTANCE ON NO TRANSSHIPPING WOULD FRUSTRATE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THIS PART OF AGREEMENT.

3. IF THIS PRACTICE IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, U.S. VESSELS WOULD ONLY TRANSFER TO OTHER U.S. VESSELS WHICH ALSO HAD LICENSE UNDER AGREEMENT. LOGBOOK RECORDS OF AMOUNT OF SHRIMP TRANSFERRED WOULD BE KEPT; ALL SHRIMP LANDED WOULD COUNTED TOWARDS TOTAL ALLOWABLE U.S. CATCH, WHICH WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS PRACTICE. SIMILARLY, THERE WOULD BE NO EFFECT ON ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT WHICH IS BASED ON LANDINGS. NOTHING IN AGREEMENT WOULD PRECLUDE TRANSFER OF FISH AT SEA, AND DEPT. NEGOTIATORS WERE NOT AWARE DURING NEGOTIATIONS THAT THIS PRACTICE WAS OF CONCERN TO GOM.

4. DRAWING ON ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE GOM NOT TO MAKE ISSUE OF TRANSFER QUESTION AT THIS TIME. DURING APRIL CONSULTATIONS CALLED FOR BY AGREEMENT OR IN EARLIER TALKS IF GOM STILL DESIRES TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, US SIDE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AND ANY CONCERNS GOM MAY HAVE REGARDING IT. WE HOPE THAT UNTIL MEETING TAKES PLACE AND WHILE ALL CONCERNED ARE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MAKE IT WORK, GOM CAN DEMONSTRATE SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE.  
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